

REMARKS

Summary Of Office Action

Claims 1-33 were pending in the above-identified application.

The Examiner finally rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yabe U.S. Patent No. 6,046,956. Claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable subject matter was indicated. Claims 4-33 were allowed.

Applicant's Reply

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 4-33 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 3. Applicant proposes amending claim 1 to more particularly define the invention and cancelling claim 3 without prejudice. The amendments are fully supported by the application as filed. The Examiner's rejection and objection are respectfully traversed.

Applicant is submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination of this application. In view of applicant's filing of a Request for Continued Examination, the finality of the Examiner's rejections should be considered withdrawn and the current proposed amendments should be entered.

Applicant has incorporated the features of dependent claim 3, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, into independent claim 1. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended, is patentable. For at least these reasons, dependent claim 2 is also patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to claims 1 and 2 be withdrawn.

In addition, applicant respectfully submits that the objection to claim 3 is now moot and respectfully requests that the objection to claim 3 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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